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TO: Exemplary Educators
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SUBJECT: Proposals for Workshops at the Second Great Virginia Teach-In

The Virginia Department of Education recently announced the Governor's **Second Great Virginia Teach-In: A Call to Teach**, to be held on Saturday, March 5, 2005, at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, Virginia. For complete details on this event, please see Superintendent's Memorandum #236, dated November 19, 2004. This memorandum may be accessed at <http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/suptsmemos/2004/inf236.html>. As part of the Teach-In activities, a series of concurrent workshops will be offered. You are cordially invited to submit a workshop proposal using the enclosed workshop proposal application form. Workshop topics should fit into 45 minute or 90 minute timeslots, and should fit into one or more of the following broad categories:

- Enhanced Teacher Preparation Programs
- Teacher Recruitment and Placement
- Teacher Retention, Support, and Development
- Data Collection, Analysis, and Research

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Part of the success of the Governor's First Great Virginia Teach-In was attributed to the workshops and presentations. Attendance was extremely high at the more than fifty workshops that were offered at the first Teach-In. For a review of the workshops offered last year please see <http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/teachereducation/recruitment.html>.

The audience at the Teach-In will include future teachers (high school students considering teaching as a career), aspiring teachers (potential teachers in teacher preparation programs, career switchers, arts and sciences graduates), and qualified teachers (fully licensed, new teachers, or current out-of-state teachers ready to enter the classroom).

We encourage you to consider submitting a workshop proposal for the Second Great Virginia Teach-In. Workshop proposal forms should be returned on or before, January 14, 2005, to Michael S. Myers, Office of Teacher Education and Teacher Quality Enhancement, by fax: (804) 225-3671 or email: Michael.Myers@doe.virginia.gov. Applicants will be notified on or before January 28, 2005, regarding the acceptance of their proposals.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Thomas A. Elliott, assistant superintendent, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure at (804) 371-2522, or Michael S. Myers, Office of Teacher Education and Teacher Quality Enhancement, at (804) 225-2103, or email: Michael.Myers@doe.virginia.gov.

We look forward to seeing you and your colleagues at the Second Great Virginia Teach-In on March 5, 2005. For more information about the Teach-In, please visit http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/VA_Teach_In/.

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